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SUBJECT: ITU - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FROM GUINEA BISSAU.

1. ITU CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN AND TTU SEC GEN
CONVOKED CONFERENCE VICE CHAIRMEN TO CONSULT THEM ON
FOLLOWING TELEGRAM HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM CONAKRY:
BEGIN TELEGRAM: FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION ON 24 SEPT
LAST OF SOVEREIGN STATE OF GUINEA BISSAU ALREADY RECOGNIZED
BY SIXTY-TWO COUNTRIES IN AFRICA, ASIA, EUROPE AND
LATIN AMERICA AND BEING FULLY IN AGREEMENT WITH PRINCIPLES
OF ITU CONVENTION AND RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, REQUEST
YOUR EXCELLENCY TO SUBMIT TO PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE
APPLICATION OF OUR YOUNG STATE TO ACCEDE TO INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE 19. TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND
CONFERENCE AND YOURSELF OUR CORDIAL CONGRATULATIONS
ON COURAGEOUS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING
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PORTUGUESE COLONIALISTS AND THE DECISION TAKEN BY

A LARGE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS TO EXCLUDE PORTUGAL WHICH IS PURSUING A POLICY OF DOMINATION AGAINST OUR PEOPLES CONTRARY TO INTL LAW AND MORALITY OF OUR TIME. PURPOSES OF ITU BEING TO FOSTER COOPERATION BETWEEN WHOLE OF MANKIND THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED IS FAITHFUL TO THE PRINCIPLES OF YOUR ORGANIZATION IN THE FACE OF INHUMAN CRIMES COMMITTED DAILY BY COLONIAL GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL AGAINST OUR PEOPLE. PLEASE ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF OUR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SIGNED

FRANCISCO MENDES, PRESIDENT, COUNCIL COMMISSARS,
STATE GUINEA BISSAU. END TELEGRAM

2. SOVIET, NIGERIAN, DAHOMEAN, GDR AND CHINESE DELEGATES PROPOSED EARLIEST FAVORABLE ACTION AT PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE ON ADMISSION, POINTING TO UN RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING RECOGNITION OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ALREADY TAKING THIS STEP.

3. I STATED I HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AND WOULD PROBABLY RECEIVE NONE FROM WASHINGTON BEFORE END OF THIS WEEK, SURMISING U.S. WOULD WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER GROUP WOULD QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION UNDER ARTICLE 2 C) OF MONTREUX CONVENTION. JAPANESE VICE CHAIRMAN TOOK SAME POSITION.

4. AT SUGGESTION SWEDISH VICE CHAIRMAN, SECGEN WAS INSTRUCTED (A) SEND TELEGRAM TO GROUP REQUESTING WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT; (B) FIND OUT WHO THEY WERE FROM UN AND WHETHER THEY HAD APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP THERE; (C) FOLLOWING THIS, TO CONSULT PLENIPOTENTIARY DELEGATES AT CONFERENCE AND ALSO OTHER ABSENT MEMBERS. SWEDISH VICE CHAIRMAN ADDED THAT FURTHER STEPS MIGHT BE LEFT TO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.

5. SOVIET DELEGATE THOUGHT MESSAGE FROM CONAKRY SUFFICIENT, SINCE "GOVERNMENTS LIBERATING THEMSELVES OFTEN FOUND COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULT". HE NEVERTHELESS AGREED TO INSTRUCTION TO SECGEN, URGING HASTE.

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